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Moves Into Office**

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OFFICE MEMO

From: Wayne Thurber

To: Alumni

Loyalty Shines in Alumni Loyalty Fund Drive

Thanks to a very loyal alumni, the 1983 Alumni Loyalty Fund goal of \$100,000 became reality with over 1,330 donors as of June 27—just three days before deadline! As a result of this successful drive, BECA (Business Executives Challenge to Alumni) will add \$43,500 giving Southern College close to \$150,000 to help primarily with our scholarship endowment fund.

This year class agents were chosen and records kept of percentage of class participation and average amount of gifts. Early classes were combined because of small numbers in each class. The class with the highest percentage of participation (76%) and the highest per capita giving (\$220.78) was the 1919-29 class with class agent Don Hunter as leader. A complete listing of all classes will be included in a later edition of the COLUMNS.

The Alumni Loyalty Fund Drive is the only fund-raising program sponsored by the alumni organization in cooperation with Southern College. We will be united with the Endowment Committee for Student Scholarships for the next several years as together we seek to establish a sizable endowment to provide on-going scholarships to needy, willing-to-work students.

Robin Halvorsen, public relations intern at SC, has been responsible for the organization and execution of the drive including the phonathon which accounted for 20% of the total. Student participants in the phonathon included Susie Bass, Randy Fivecoat, Tammie Justice, Pam Kenny, Lori Knarr, Lori Knox, Claire Magee, Steve Mills, Sheila Plant, and Karen Wilcox.

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MY FAVORITE TEACHER — Let us know about a teacher who has touched your life in a special way.

ASK THE STAFF — If you have any questions about anything concerning the college, put them in writing. We will do our best to answer all questions.

THOSE WHO WALKED THESE HALLS — All alumni are encouraged to inform us of any recent news of significance relating to whereabouts, family and job promotions.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS — As soon as you know your new address, please inform us so that you won't miss a single issue.

ADMISSION to Southern College is granted irrespective of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex or handicap.

Alumni President's Message

Adventist Schools — A Deviant Education?

By Susan Boyd Miller

The caption caught my eye—"Researcher Reports on 'Deviant' Education." The newsbrief which appeared in a NEA news report read: "Alan Peshkin, professor of comparative education at the University of Illinois, spent 18 months studying what he considered a typical Christian academy. Peshkin gave his conclusion in a presentation to the American Education Research Association. Students are getting a deviant education. By being isolated from society these students developed an intolerance of others, especially those with different religious views."

This, coupled with an incident that occurred in my seventh grade public classroom, gives much food for thought. We were discussing problem solving when one student said she had a problem that involved a Seventh-day Adventist neighbor girl. She said, "My neighbor and I were close friends until recently when she told me, 'I can no longer be your friend unless you believe as I do about religion.'"

Are we encouraging intolerance of others in our schools as Peshkin concludes? Could the "typical Christian academy" be a Seventh-day Adventist school? We would encourage your response to the Peshkin study.

Mailbag

Dear Editor,

Thank you for an excellent alumni publication. We look forward each time there is an issue due in the mail. The one for the first quarter of 1983 was especially well done and informative. . . . Thanks again for an excellent publication.

Sincerely,
Robert DuBose, Jr., class of '75
Judith Dean DuBose, class of '71

Dear SOUTHERN COLUMNS,

This is just a short note to express my appreciation to Southern College and to the Alumni Association. I really look forward to receiving my copy of SOUTHERN COLUMNS. . . .

Sincerely,
Gary Wilt, class of '78

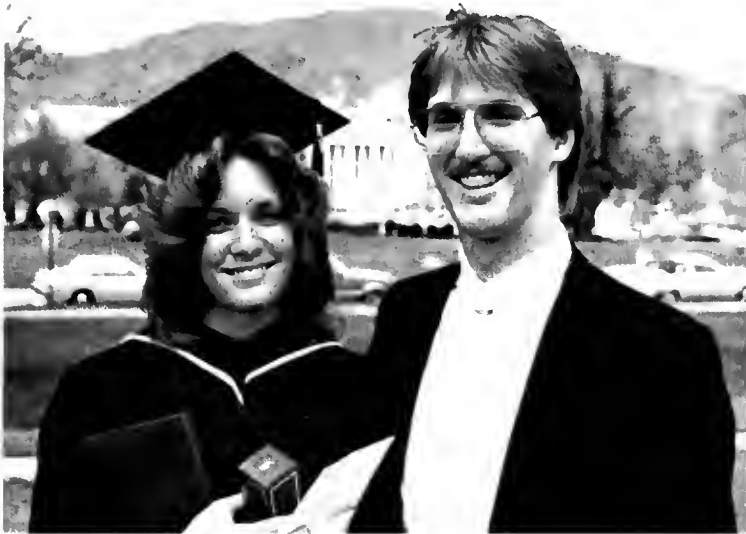
Dear COLUMNS Staff,

. . . I enjoyed the recent article on Maude Jones. For ten years when I was growing up in Collegedale, my parents and I lived in the other half of her cottage, and "Maudie," as she wanted to be called, was like the grandmother I didn't have. The issue of the COLUMNS stirred memories with names like Starkey, Hyde, Taylor, Damron, Hickman, and others. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Barbara (Hoar) Arena, class of '64

Graduate...

... you are now in debt for
the rest of your lives.



by Todd Parrish

Two hundred and forty-six seniors grasped their diplomas and walked away as graduates of Southern College on Sunday, May 1. The 1983 graduating class was awarded 138 bachelor's degrees, 102 associate degrees, and 6 1-year diplomas.

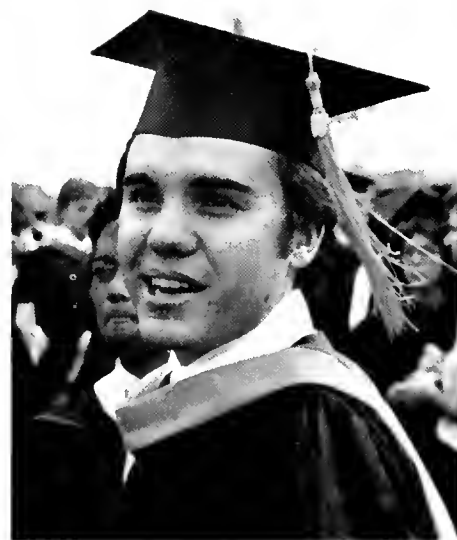
Weekend ceremonies, held in the Physical Education Center, were opened with the Service of Consecration on Friday evening. Dr. Frank Knittel, former college president, addressed the class with the message, "Total Immersion." "Whatever you do with your life from now on, you must do with a commitment and a consecration to total immersion. 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' " Dr. Knittel urged the graduates to be totally committed to self-respect, intellectual honesty, courageous living, professional obligations, and a spiritual life. "Our society now expects you to do it on your own—morally, spiritually, educationally, and financially. . . . Total commitment is moving on," the college administrator emphasized, "even though we can't see what's beyond the horizon."

Dr. Ron Wisbey, president of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, gave Saturday's Baccalaureate Sermon, "Come to the Fire." Dr. Wisbey, who has served as a youth pastor in California and Oregon and as a



youth director for the North Pacific Union, stressed to the seniors that graduation marks, more importantly, not an ending, but "it marks a beginning." He explained that each student has a fire within himself that "will make some extreme differentials in life. . . . The fire must burn not only within us, but among us. And the central secret that determines the effect of its burning is the choice to tend that fire or not to tend that fire."

The weekend climaxed on Sunday at the Commencement with Elder Don Jacobson's speech, "I am a Debtor," and the conferring of degrees on the seniors. Elder Jacobson, pastor of the Stone Mountain church in Georgia, informed the graduates that because they had chosen a Christian education at Southern College, they would now find themselves in debt the rest of their lives. "Some of the best friends that you will ever have in this life are the men and women who have helped you receive the education for which you are being decorated today," he said. "You are now obligated to do something more than just make a living. . . . God has never called us to get accustomed to darkness; He's called us to



make a difference." The former staff member at Andrews University warned the graduates to stick by their religious principles. "Don't change courses in the middle of the dream."

Among those who earned bachelor's degrees, four graduated summa cum laude (3.90-4.00 g.p.a.). This scholastic excellence was achieved by Howard Thomas Goodwin, Paul Edward Haerich, John Mark McKinney, and Albert Sidney Whiting, Jr.



Southern Update

Division of Religion in a "Class By Itself"

The General Conference Accreditation team, who spent a week on the Southern College campus in late March updating the school's academic status, reported that Southern College has the best record of any college in the denomination in placing its ministerial graduates.

Dr. Larry Lewis, president of Atlantic Union College and chairman of the team reported that the average placement in North American colleges is approximately one placement for every seven graduates. Southern College has a record of 80-100% placement over the past ten years. Lewis commented, "This puts the Division of Religion at Southern College in a class all of its own."

The official church-sponsored and qualified board of investigators was particularly interested in discovering student and faculty perceptions of the Division of Religion because of the stories that had come out of Collegedale. In the random interviews conducted extensively around the campus, they found no evidence of student disapproval of the religion teachers or classes and received no complaints concerning the teachings of the staff. On the contrary, students praised the staff for their abilities and faithfulness to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

College Plaza Undergoes Face Lift

After nearly 20 years, the College Plaza, owned by the Committee of 100 and leased to the college, is

undergoing a face lifting. The white and turquoise exterior is now painted or stained in earth tones of wheat and brown, and cedar paneling has been added to several fronts. Plaza merchants are also working with a professional sign company choosing signs which will be placed on the plaza facia.

In addition to giving the plaza a more modern look, the renovation has included the replacement of a part of the roof and the installation of more energy-efficient exterior lights.

Nursing Graduates Return

Southern College recently entertained several members of the 1933 nursing class of the Florida Hospital. Coming from many parts of the country on the weekend of May 6 and 7, they renewed friendships and revived memories of 50 years ago when they sat in classes together.

Dr. Carl Jones, the former Lucille Hall, came from College Place, Washington. Barrel Walker Brewer traveled from Yountville, California, and Dorothy Ulmer Evans from Miami Springs, Florida. Geveva Bowman came from

Macks Creek, Missouri, Iola Azle Walker, with her husband Fred Walker from Canton, North Carolina, and Iva Camer Thompkins from Portland, Tennessee. Mrs. Thelma G. Stegall Withrow drove from her home in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Aside from the obvious pleasure of getting together and visiting at mealtimes, the meeting was punctuated with special activities arranged for the graduates. Included in these activities was a Sabbath afternoon ride to Lookout Mountain and Point Park, and with warm weather and clear skies on Sunday, a potluck picnic was held in the Student Park.

Canadian Brass Perform at Southern College

The Canadian Brass, an internationally-known instrumental ensemble, performed on Saturday night, March 26, as a part of Southern College's Entertainment Series. The concert, given in the Physical Education Center, was very well attended by not only college students and faculty, but also by music lovers from Collegedale, Chattanooga, and other surrounding areas.

The Canadian Brass, having gained a reputation for forming new paths into uncharted areas of music for brass since their formation in 1970, performed repertoire ranging from the classical works of Bach, Handel, and Purcell, to ragtime works by Jelly Roll Morton and Scott Joplin, the avant-garde works of Lukas Foss, and the hits of Fats Waller. Among the audience's favorites were the group's action-oriented ballet medley and their famous rendition of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Consisting of two trumpeters, one French horn player, one trombonist, and one tuba player, The Brass have performed in Canada and the U.S., as well as Europe, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and the Soviet Union. In 1977, they were the first Western musical ensemble to cross the Chinese border, as part of a cultural exchange program arranged by Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Adventist Health System Presents Relief Map to Nursing Division

A relief map depicting the area served by the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt Health Care Corporation (AHS/SHCC) and showing the location of the corporation's 26 hospitals throughout the Sunbelt was presented to the Division of Nursing during the Nurses Pinning Ceremony April 30.

Donald Self ('71), Director of Development for AHS/SHCC Region I indicated the corporation's hospitals employ some



Graduates of Florida Hospital's 1933 nursing class enjoy a meal in the college cafeteria.



Donald Self ('71) of Adventist Health System/Sunbelt presents map display to Ellen Gilbert, Nursing Division Chairman and Cyril Fitcher, Academic Dean.

0,000 people and annually have over 200 openings for registered nurses. "We hope this display will be a frequent reminder of both our commitment to quality Christian health care and our desire for young professionals to join us in carrying forward our mission," Self said. Southern College graduates approximately 80 Associate and baccalaureate Degree nursing students each year. The Adventist Health System in the United States is the largest non-profit, Protestant hospital organization in America.

R. L. Odom Donates Original Edition Books to Library

Sixty-one years ago R. L. Odom, 21 years old, arrived at Thatcher Switch and made his way towards the old yellow house. Before his entrance he passed away the last cigarette he was to smoke. Once inside he met Martha Montgomery, secretary to resident Lynn Wood.

On April 20, 1983, R. L. Odom and his wife, Martha (Montgomery),

returned to the campus of Southern College where he formerly presented to McKee Library a set of the original edition of Spirit of Prophecy books. Described by Peggy Bennett, assistant librarian, as a "veritable gold mine," the valuable editions will be shelved in the vault adjacent to the SDA Room of the library.

Standing in the foyer of the library, Elder Odom recounted fascinating experiences of the early days. He told of his baptism in the creek that ran in front of the old yellow house, told about plowing the fields with "Satan and Jezebel," two mean mules, and told of having a part in planting the peach orchard. He remembered the occasion when 86 people contracted typhoid fever and three deaths that resulted because of a well pollution. Martha remembered her early school days experiences working as secretary for Dr. Wood, and after graduating, working for Ruby Lee, the school registrar.

Elder Odom is the author of over 20 books and was editor of the three-volume *Comprehensive Index to the Writings of Ellen G. White*. He was editor of *Message* magazine

and much of the denomination's Spanish literature, and has worked in at least six countries as a missionary. Mrs. Odom became a Spanish teacher and registrar and is the author of *Guidance in Homemaking*, a text for academies and junior colleges. The couple reside in Gentry, Arkansas.

17 Students to Be Listed in Who's Who

Seventeen students of Southern College were recently chosen to be listed in the 1983 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders, these students

were chosen by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory for their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

Students named this year from Southern College are: Kathy Allen — Altamonte Springs, FL; Dawn Austin — Ooltewah, TN; Steve Blake — Louisville, KY; Evan Chesney — Cleveland, TN; Dean Edwards — Madison, TN; Richard Esterline — Collegedale, TN; Jenine Fryling — Mount Vernon, OH; Tom Goodwin — Collegedale, TN; Bonnie Hubley Garner — Halifax, Nova Scotia; Jeffrey Kuhlman — Collegedale, TN; Marty Miller — Yucaipa, CA; Heather Northcutt — Altamonte Springs, FL; Todd Parrish



Assistant Librarian, Peg Bennett accepts a valuable set of Spirit of Prophecy books from the Odoms.

— Gallatin, TN; Frank Roman — North Miami, FL; Jolinda VandeVere — Collegedale, TN; Albert Whiting — Laurel, MD; Linda Vanarsdell Whiting — Knoxville, TN.

Southern College Gets Toll Free Number

Southern College is installing a toll-free number by July 15. To get that number call 1-800-555-1212. If you need information concerning admission to the college before that time, you may call collect to (615) 238-2034.

Office of Development Receives Gifts

Earlier this spring, in February and again in April, Southern College, as a result of requests made by its Development Office, received several gifts from two local businesses in the field of health.

The Upjohn Corporation, a pharmaceutical company, donated several medicines and many vitamins which are being used by Orange Grove Center, an institution in Chattanooga for mentally retarded children, and are also being given to the elderly in several areas.

North Park Medical Center, when recently moving to a new location, gave equipment to three different Southern College departments. Among the equipment the Nursing Department received for use in its student skills labs was six electric hospital beds, a stretcher, a wheelchair, a doctor's scale, and a sphygmomanometer. The

college's Health Service was also given equipment, which included two secretarial swivel chairs, two vaporizers, and one humidifier. An electrocardiograph (EKG) monitor was contributed to the Physical Education Department for use in teaching physical education majors. A small reception was held for North Park by the college on March 31 in appreciation for the center's donations.

Southern College Hosts Its Annual "College Days"

Approximately 500 students from various academies and high schools in the Southern, Columbia and Lake Unions came to Southern College for the annual College Days, held April 10 and 11.

One of the many activities planned by the Student Affairs Office and the Student Association was the customary greeting of each academy at Four Corners and motorcading of them onto the campus Sunday morning. On campus, the students were welcomed by Student Association officers dressed as southern belles (complete with parasols) and southern gentlemen (complete with top hats and tails). Other activities that were planned for the first day included an opportunity for the students to see the college's production of the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, a presentation of the Kodak Show in the Physical Education Center, and a special evening reception where the Student Association officers for the 1983-1984 school year were introduced.

A Continental breakfast was served on Monday morning, after which

campus tours and departmental meetings were held in an attempt to better orient the students as to what they can expect in the coming year.

Taylor is Appointed as Assistant to the President

William H. Taylor, professor of English and journalism at Southern College in Collegedale, has been appointed assistant to the president in charge of special projects, according to Dr. John Wagner, SC's president.

Taylor's first and main concern as assistant to the president will be to direct the solicitations and establishment of an Endowment Fund. The income from this endowment investment will be used to help worthy students. He will be enlisting the support of the faculty, staff, alumni, foundations, and the business community. He



Professor William H. Taylor

will work with the vice president for development, Dr. Jack McClarty, and Southern's new President, Dr. John Wagner. Taylor will assume his new duties immediately.

Taylor has served on the staff of Southern College for 25 years, filling the positions of director of college relations, including development, public

relations, and alumni; dean of students; and professor. He holds a B.A. degree in English from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, an M.A. degree from the University of Nebraska, and two years advanced study in journalism at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

He received the first "Trailblazer" award given by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Washington, D.C., for outstanding leadership in the field of public relations and development. The City of Collegedale presented him the "Citizen of the Year" award in 1981, and the Southern College Alumni Association elected him an honorary alumnus in 1982.

President John Wagner said that two of the top priorities of his new administration would be the Endowment Fund and student recruitment, adding that the Endowment Fund whose dividends and interest income would go for student scholarships would also help student recruitment greatly.

Taylor, eligible to retire in several years, said that the successful establishment of the Endowment Fund over the next few years "will be one of the most rewarding and satisfying in my career since it can do much to guarantee the survival of Southern College."

Taylor is married to Elm Mae Dennis, the receptionist and switchboard operator of SC. They have three children; Dr. Dennis A. Taylor, practicing medic in North Carolina; William H. Taylor II, CPA, the comptroller at a Florida hospital; and Debra Sue Taylor, an assistant head nurse at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. All three are graduates of Southern College.



Frank Knittel, 1972-1983



John Wagner, 1983-

A Presidential Change

by LeAnne Facundus and Todd Parrish

On May 20, 1983, Southern College bade farewell to its president of twelve years, Dr. Frank Knittel, and welcomed as its new president Dr. John Wagner. These two men represent Southern College, its past and its future. Therefore, the SOUTHERN COLUMNS has dedicated the next few pages to these men, their individual accomplishments, and their accomplishments and goals for Southern College. "You don't forget the accomplishments of the past but always keep your eyes on what's happening in the future." —Dr. Frank Knittel.

Since his first administrative/teaching appointment at the age of 16 when he taught 21 students spread over eight grades, Frank Knittel's life has involved educating, speaking, and administering. His influence at Southern College has been felt either directly or indirectly by all associated with him since he arrived from Andrews University in 1967 to be the college's academic dean.

Dr. Knittel has influenced many through his public speaking. According to Mrs. Jeanne Davis, his secretary for the past five years and a long-time Southern College



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Frank Knittel, First Magnitude Star

by Wilma McClarty

He would make a good candidate for the "This is Your Life" television program. He has taught geometry, printing, medieval literature, and more in high school, college, graduate school, and the U.S. Army. Administratively, he has served as a dean of men, a vice-president for student affairs, an academic dean and a college president.

Although Dr. Knittel has left administration for his first love, teaching, his years as Southern College's president have left a lasting impression with the college community, students, and staff.

Numerous speaking appointments, including dozens of talks a year at chapels, funerals, board meetings, weddings, graduations, and community hearings, made him so well known that of him it could truthfully be said, "Our speaker today needs no introduction."

His mind and body in constant high gear, Dr. Knittel's contributions to the Collegedale community have been pervasive. One of his most influential avenues for contact with non-college personnel was his popular Sabbath School class. An ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he brought to his lesson study pedagogical skills honed to effectiveness by years of teaching. A dynamic personality even in casual encounters, Dr. Knittel was a challenging blend of perpetual motion, rapid-fire information, and ever-present humor in front of his class.

Faculty, staff, fellow administrators, and board members also appreciated Dr. Knittel's leadership and openness. "I am grateful for his wonderfully good disposition, as this makes for pleasant working conditions," said one. Another expressed appreciation by saying, "His office door is open to both students and faculty, and he lends a listening ear to seemingly insurmountable problems."

Many students have been impressed by Dr. Knittel's personal interest in them, evidenced by his knowing their names, majors, and academic achievements and by his taking time to talk with them. His many chapel and vesper talks as well as Sabbath sermons and other presentations have inspired them.

Although Dr. Knittel is now legend on Southern College's campus, another name on a list of distinguished educators who have guided this school, perhaps his own favorite Bible text best describes him: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." (Daniel 12:3) Dr. Knittel, you are a first magnitude star, and your illumination will brighten our paths for light years to come.

staff member, he has probably spoken more than any other college president in the denomination and is "probably the best public-speaking president we've had." His speaking engagements have

taken him to so many places that he became a "flying colonel" with Delta Airlines, adds Mrs. Davis.

Southern College students have also appreciated Dr. Knittel's many talks and

lectures. Freshman Tre' Evers commented in the Southern Accent, the college newspaper, that every time Dr. Knittel spoke he made "it a point to hear him; he inspires me, lifts me up, and always impresses me with his level-headed approach to subjects that sometimes seem untouchable or controversial."

Dr. Knittel, who has had some formal connection with a school since he was three years old, developed and maintained a love for teaching.



Although he was in administration all of his 16 years at Southern College, he managed to teach a class almost every year. "What I like about teaching is the very close personal relationship that is available for the teacher in the student-teacher relationship," Dr. Knittel explains. "I enjoy the give and take in a classroom. I enjoy studying for classroom lectures, enjoy giving



P E R S O N A L T R I B U T E

Helen Knittel . . . Private Lady in a Public Role

by Jolene Zackrison

Over the past twelve years, Helen Knittel has left the impression with numerous alumni, staff, and students as the always smiling, always gracious "first lady" of Southern College—opening her home for a multitude of social functions, standing by her husband's side as he presided at all the official duties demanded of a president. Her bearing, her charm, her easy conversation suggest that this graciousness is an effortless gift with which she was born.

But Helen Knittel is really a very private woman in a public role. Not until Helen joined the Office Administration Department three years ago did I become acquainted with this private Helen Knittel. We laughingly say, "There are no secrets in our department," for the uninsulated walls of our remodeled third-floor offices in Lynn Wood Hall are paper thin.

From my office next to Helen's, I hear the phone ring. "Yes," I hear Helen say, "of course your club may have its party in our basement on Saturday night." The students will never know how much she had counted on that rare evening at home alone with a good book by the fire.

The phone rings again. It is her husband. I hear her sigh and discuss the contents of the freezer. He is bringing unexpected guests home for dinner. Her company that evening will never guess from her unhurried conversation that as soon as they leave she will have papers to grade and a lecture to prepare for the next morning's classes.

I ask her how she can entertain at a moment's notice. She shrugs off the task as nothing. "Frank is a big help," she generously replies, "and at least he's given me a few hours' warning." Then she laughs as she recounts the time Frank invited nine people home for Sunday night dinner and failed to mention it to her until they appeared on her doorstep.

Next Sherry, the Knittels' daughter, bursts into the office. Their aged cat is sick again. It is foolish to spend any more money on a fifteen-year-old feline. But to Helen every pet is a family member. She has provided homes for countless strays over the years. Why, she reasons, should she seek out the perfect and pedigreed pet when so many less desirable creatures need homes. Sherry is reassured, and Shawnee (by now the world's costliest cat) goes for yet another visit to the vet.

A distressed student comes to the office for help with her classwork. Helen senses that the girl needs more than academic assistance. She calls the parents in California, talks to the school counselor, and arranges for spiritual help for the girl.

So the days and weeks have flown by. The woman, who finds great pleasure in the song of a bird, in quiet reflective thinking, in family routine, has been thrust into the public limelight at Southern College. She has managed three full-time roles—career woman, homemaker, president's wife.

Thank you, Helen for allowing us to intrude into your private life. Thank you for entertaining us, for smiling when you were tired, for always giving us the benefit of the doubt, for being a valuable faculty member, a concerned listener, and a trusted friend. We will miss your gracious ways and hope that you will find as much fulfillment and happiness in your private life as we have had in knowing you in your public life.



explanations to students, and enjoy reading the written responses of students. I also enjoy having a part in stimulating the thinking and wakening new ideas. Nothing gives me more pleasure than to have someone say, 'I never thought of that before this class period.' That, to me, is really educating."

Dr. Knittel's concern for close personal relationships was also evidenced in his administration. "Humanity is individualized for an administrator like Frank Knittel. His door has remained open to his junior administrators, his teachers, and his students," says religion professor Edwin Zackrison of him. "With a rare combination of wisdom and knowledge, energy and decisiveness, he has brought out the best in others."

Denominational leaders recognized Dr. Knittel's special qualities and in 1982 named



FRANK KNITTEL

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Knittel were the recipients of two special "appreciation" gifts for their 16 years of devoted service. Southern College presented them with a home computer. The other gift was a car presented by many of their friends from the church and community.



him SDA Educator of the Year. The Chattanooga Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, an academic fraternity, also chose him as its 1983 Outstanding Educator of the Year.

Although Dr. Knittel says he stepped into school administration "more or less by accident," he has touched the lives of more students than any other president in the history of the college.

According to research done by college board member William Lles, over 70% of the total number of Southern College graduates graduated during the time he was at Southern and 61% actually received



their diploma from his hand. Enrollment reached the highest levels ever under his tenure as president. The college plant increased by 34,000 square feet with the addition of such buildings as

the student center, cafeteria, Summerour Hall, dormitory annexes, nursing building, and music building. The book value of the college's assets grew from \$8 million to \$16 million, while the operating budget

increased fourfold. The college was re-accredited twice, and the academic program expanded with the addition of new majors. The nursing program, affiliated with Florida Hospital, grew from a



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M. D. Campbell's Completely Abridged



FRANK DICTIONARY

ad•min•is•tra•tion (ăd-mĭn'is-tră'shən) n. 1. The management of affairs. 2. The ability to compromise.

Usage: Many are involved in administration, but few are concerned with leadership.

ar•tic•u•late (ăr-tĭk'yə-lĭt) adj. 1. Endowed with the power of speech. 2. Capable of, speaking in, or characterized by clear, expressive language.

cha•ris•ma (kā-rĭz'mə) n., pl. 1. A rare quality or power attributed to those persons who have demonstrated an exceptional ability for leadership and for securing the devotion of large numbers of people. 2. Theology. A divinely inspired gift. Greek kharisman, favor, divine gift.

com•mu•ni•ca•tion (kā-myŭō'nə-kā'shən) n. 1. The exchange of thoughts, messages, or the like, as by speech, signals, or writing. 2. The act of communicating.

Usage: His communication in public speaking was because he was articulate. (see articulate)

hel•lene (hĕl'ēn) n. also Hel•len 1. A Greek. 2. A common female proper name.

Usage: He was fortunate to marry a charming woman called Helen.

lead (lēd) v. 1. To show the way to by going in advance: to lead a horse. -n. A piece of information of possible use in a search: He has several good leads for a job. Middle English leden. (see administration)

lis•ten (lis'ən) intr. v. 1. To apply oneself to hearing something. 2. To pay attention.

Usage: When Helen speaks he listens.

per•fect (pŭr'fĭkt) adj. 1. Lacking nothing essential to the whole. 2. In a state of undiminished or highest excellence.

Usage: He was perfectly human.

trib•ute (trib'yŭōt) n. A gift, payment declaration, or other acknowledgment of gratitude, respect or admiration. Example:

He is above all a communicator par excellence on a personal level. He has the rare ability to discern between long-term patterns of thought/behavior and momentary lapses of good judgment. He realizes that all are immature—only immature in different ways! It is this recognition and discernment that makes him neither vindictive nor judgmental in a one-to-one conversation. This personal touch sets him apart and above his peers. For in time of difficulties, this personal touch will be sorely missed.¹

vin•dic•tive (vĭn-dĭk'tiv) adj. 1. Disposed to seek revenge, revengeful. 2. Unforgiving; bitter; spiteful.

Usage: He had an uncommon trait of not being vindictive.

warmth (wŏrmth) n. 1. The state, sensation, or quality of producing or having a moderate amount of heat. 2. Excitement or intensity; ardor; zeal.

¹ **Editors' Note:** This tribute and the entire dictionary was written by Dr. M. D. Campbell. Dr. Campbell has been at Southern College for 15 years in various academic and administrative capacities. Considering himself a close friend of Dr. Knittel, he writes this unusual tribute from a professional and personal perspective and feels that it will be particularly meaningful to Dr. Knittel, a Medieval English scholar.

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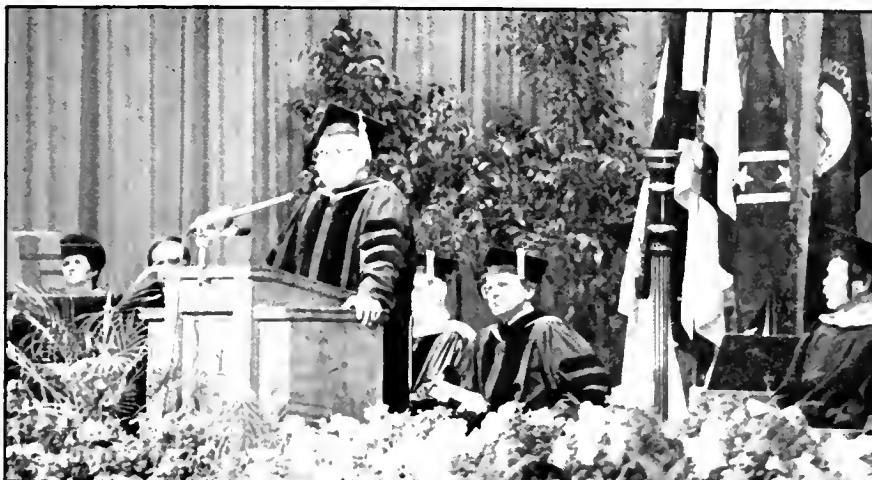
In preparation for a return to teaching, Dr. Knittel will be pursuing post-doctoral studies in medieval languages at the University of Southern California and Renaissance studies at the University of California in Riverside during the next year. His fondest memory as he looks back on his work at Southern College is "without question the very, very warm response of the students to our relationship together." Stated Dr. Knittel, "I have sensed this ever since I've been on this campus, and the relationship I've had with the students is something I really can't describe." Next to that memory "would be the relationship" he has had "with the staff members."



Dr. Knittel's accomplishments won't be forgotten, for as Southern's new president, Dr. John Wagner, stated to 250 staff members at his "get-acquainted" dinner held on May 23, "I take my hat off to my predecessor, Frank Knittel. Under his leadership this college grew and prospered. Through his speeches and sermons, thousands were touched and challenged to think more deeply about Christian higher education."

A Presidential Farewell

The final statement of Frank Knittel as delivered at graduation, May 1, 1983.



It was the Renaissance poet John Donne who composed that immortal gem entitled, "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning." And as I say farewell to this campus soon after our celebration here together this weekend, I echo those sentiments and offer simply this hopeful valediction.

God does not ordain all circumstances, but God can and will direct us all within the parameters of the many and oft-time wildly fluctuating vagaries of life. And as my family passes from this campus to even more exciting providences of God, we see our future in confidence and look forward to the days ahead with hope built upon trust in God, for it is God, not people, who is the stable compass of this earth.

Nonetheless, it is mankind that God elects as His stewards, and it is mankind that will chart the future of this campus. I pray earnestly that the future of Southern College will continue to be postulated upon the principles of Christian brotherhood. Students who come to this place in years to come must be assured that their teachers on the Southern College campus are responsible and caring scholars who are motivated by

the Christian grace of loving and who are dedicated to the proposition that students must never be sacrificed for the system. Any staff members who do not respond in this fashion to students or colleagues have no right within these halls. Love and compassion and tolerance must always prevail here so that all parents have the assurance that every child sent to this school in all the tomorrows of time will be cherished and honored and nurtured as though unto God, regardless of youthful shortcomings or intolerance or poor judgment.

May all teachers continue—or perhaps learn—those abiding virtues of personal stewardship so that the lives entrusted to them will always be held as sacred trusts, which are here in the providence of God.

And so for all, this weekend my family bids you a genuine Southern College welcome and also our final adieu. May God in His unerring way keep us all in the hollow of His hand.



JOHN WAGNER

As Dr. Knittel represents Southern College's past, Dr. Wagner represents its future, and to him, the future of Southern is "bright, with a tremendous reservoir of enthusiasm to continue the high quality of education here." Having served previously in the Southern Union as well as in the denominational educational field as superintendent in the Colorado Conference and academic dean at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, Dr. Wagner is well-acquainted with Southern College. "I've always been impressed with





the South and the product of Southern College," he said. "It has been a strong college for years."

Having committed his life to education, Dr. Wagner believes that when God called him to Southern College, He answered a prayer for direction." He believes that the work of redemption and education are one. . . . Our modeling of the SDA education is ministry." This is an important statement to the new president. To him, teaching the subject matter, typing the letters, balancing the books, and serving on the committees are all important, but not "primarily important."

Dr. Wagner's beliefs concerning Christian education and his experiences in it make him well-qualified for the job of college president. Born in 1939 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Dr. Wagner is a graduate of Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, with the bachelor's degree in religion and biology. During the early years of his career he worked at Platte Valley Academy, Madison Academy, Pioneer Valley Academy, and Forest Lake Academy, teaching various subjects and serving as dean of men, guidance director, registrar, vice principal, and principal. He also earned the master's degree in education with a guidance emphasis from Andrews University and the Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Florida.

According to A. C. McClure, president of the Southern Union, "Some of the qualities

that led to the selection of Dr. John Wagner were his ability to communicate well and his interpersonal skills. He has a very strong commitment to the Lord and to the church."

His wife, Lilya, whom he met at AUC, was born in Estonia and came to this country with her parents at the age of seven. A published author and an accomplished musician who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music as well as an Ed.D. degree, Dr. Lilya Wagner served as assistant director of the teaching-learning center and

taught English at Union College as well as teaching music, social studies, and Spanish at several academies. She has worked in public relations at Florida and Madison Hospitals and will serve as a consultant to hospitals in the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt after she completes course work for the master's degree in journalism this summer at the University of Nebraska.

As he takes up his new duties, Dr. Wagner is anxious to immediately "get acquainted with the people and the plant, the facilities and the

P E R S O N A L T R I B U T E

Dr. Wagner: A Man of High Standards

by David Smith

Four years ago, while an English teacher at Union College, I found myself serving on a General Conference evaluation team sent to Sunnysdale Academy. One team member soon gained my respect and admiration. John Wagner, then educational superintendent of the Colorado Conference, clearly displayed those talents and traits characteristic of an effective Christian educator and administrator. His warmth, professional poise, and keen insights unified the team and facilitated its work.

How delighted I was when one year later John Wagner accepted the call to become academic dean at Union College, and his talented wife Lilya agreed to join the Teaching/Learning Center staff and later the English Department. John's organization, communication skills, and sensitivity, coupled with Lilya's teaching expertise and professional background, endeared the Wagners to students and faculty alike.

Now, three years later, Dr. John Wagner has become president of Southern College. Many are wondering what our new president will be like. Here is my sneak preview: John Wagner will be very organized. His uncluttered desk will evidence his remarkable ability to keep up with his work. Dr. Wagner's burden for good communication will be apparent by his constant communiques to others, designed to provide useful information, seek advice and help, or acknowledge a job well done. Dr. Wagner will maintain high professional and academic standards. He will continually challenge the faculty and administration to grow professionally and the students to achieve academic excellence. He will uphold high moral and ethical standards, striving to make Southern a Seventh-day Adventist institution noted for its spiritual commitment. His sincere, prayerful manner and primary emphasis on the ideals of Christian service will remind all of this school's primary purpose and function.



PERSONAL TRIBUTE

A Personal Reminiscence

by Jerry Gladson

One of the strange but pleasant twists of life is the way paths cross, only to cross again in different places under different circumstances. So it was with John Wagner and myself. I first met John and Lilya at Madison, near Nashville, Tennessee, in the early 1970's. He had come as principal of Madison Academy. At the time I was pastor of the Madison Boulevard Church, scarcely two miles from the academy campus.

Not only the proximity of my church to the academy, but also our common interest in the welfare of the youth brought us into frequent contact. In a city the size of Nashville, local pastors and the academy principal often confer. John and I, as I recall, served together on at least one committee, perhaps more. Time, unfortunately, has erased the exact details, but I remember my first distinct impression of him. He struck me as an unusually fair individual, one of those rare persons who is able to settle a delicate situation without preferential treatment. His warmth and friendliness put those around him immediately at ease. Sometimes academy principals appear austere, anxious to carry out policy at the expense of people, especially students, but John pursued matters in a markedly different fashion. His compassionate way of relating defused many a highly volatile predicament.

I knew instinctively from the time we met that John Wagner had something special. I felt larger responsibilities loomed somewhere in his future. Now our paths have crossed again. It is a delight to have him at Southern College.

P E R S O N A L T R I B U T E

Dr. Lilya Wagner: A Welcome Addition to the Southern College Family

by Mary Morford

I first met the Wagners twelve years ago at Madison Academy. Peddling my bicycle up their driveway to welcome them, I was met by a beautiful German Shepherd dog and felt sure we would at least have in common a love for animals. I was right, but I found much more to appreciate about my new friend, Lilya Wagner.

A warm and sensitive person, Lilya took a personal interest in our children as well as numerous other students. She was very involved in her teaching, giving totally of herself, and her students loved her. Many young people have visited in the Wagners' home, some staying to become part of their family.

I also discovered that in addition to being a good homemaker, teacher, and friend, Lilya is an excellent seamstress, an accomplished musician, a writer, and a scholar. A perpetual student constantly seeking knowledge and trying to improve herself professionally, Lilya has taken classes or private organ lessons whenever possible. While at Madison Academy she became involved in writing, her first book being the story of her family as refugees, *To Linger Is to Die*. Her doctoral dissertation has been published in book form and two other recently published works are *Doctor, Lowyer, Merchont, Chief*, a booklet on choosing a career, and *Heotquoke*.

I am happy that Lilya's and my paths have crossed again, and I am sure that the Southern College family will soon be enjoying the friendship and talents of our new president's wife as much as I have since our first meeting.

programs" at Southern College. One priority which he feels "is extremely important is to sharply define our

cannot?" he asks. Another area he feels must be looked at very carefully is enrollment "We're going to have to work harder to get students."

Dr. Wagner greets these challenges optimistically, stating, "There's no challenge too great to handle if we, in Christian love and unity, commit ourselves fully to the task of educational ministry and allow God to work through us to accomplish his purposes at Southern College the school of His planning."

Dr. Wagner definitely has his "eyes on what's happening in the future."



mission at Southern College. What does this Adventist college do that others



by LeAnne Facundus

Presidential History

What Southern College is today is the result of much sacrifice, hard work, foresight, and trust in God on the part of many men and women in the past. Some of these important contributors have been Southern College's past presidents, a total of twenty.

Southern College's first administrator, Professor G. W. Colcord, was actually the school's first teacher and is its founder. In the midst of a national depression and after starting Milton Academy, which became the forerunner of Walla Walla College, he moved to the town of Graysville, Tennessee, in the fall of 1891 to establish a school for church members in the South. A room above the general store was rented at his own expense, and in February of 1892 school began with 23 students present. With the professor's undaunting enthusiasm and hard work, the school grew to an enrollment of 65 the following year, and a permanent school building was soon needed. Professor Colcord, having put his own money into the project of erecting an academy building, inspired others to do the same, so that by 1893 the Graysville Academy and forerunner of Southern College was established.

In 1915, during Professor Lynn Wood's administration, the school, then Southern Training School, moved from Graysville to its present location in Collegedale. After only one year at the school, Professor Wood, the school's eighth president, became educational secretary of the Southern Union Conference. However, in 1918, he was reelected to the presidency of the school, renamed Southern Junior College. Having been an architectural engineer graduate from the University of Michigan, he designed and superintended the construction of the three original main buildings on the hill, the two dormitories and Lynn Wood Hall.

Known for his spirituality, President Wood was editor of the school's paper entitled *Foith*. The first sentence in the first issue read: Because here we have the evidence of things not seen, the substance of things hoped for, this publication goes forth bearing the name it does. In this publication he cited his views on the importance of a Christian education. However, there was never more proof of his belief in it than during the depression of 1920-1922. Because the budget for the coming year was \$4,000 more than the funds

available, the Board of Trustees felt that the college should be closed. The chairman was about to ask for the vote to close, when President Wood asked to meet with the faculty before the vote was taken. His appeal to the faculty resulted in the members raising the \$4,000 out of their own salaries.

From 1916-1918, when the school was just getting reestablished at Collegedale, Professor Leo F. Thiel was president of Southern Junior College. The president's first "mansion" was a small, three-room hut with cracks in the walls large enough to give a view of the surrounding scenery. The roof was so full of holes that when it rained, every tub and pan was used to catch the water that leaked through. President Thiel's first office was actually a chicken coop, and then it was crowded into the Doll House. However, eventually he had a small room in the Commissary. It was his office that was the first library at the new school. Not long after the school's move to Collegedale, the library books from Graysville arrived in boxes and having no room in which to arrange the books needed for classwork and since President Thiel was also the English teacher, the one thousand books were stacked on the floor around his desk. Each time a book was needed, chaos was evident. Finding the president's desk and stepping over a thousand books at times were some of the first problems at the college that led President Thiel to facetiously remark, "We who called ourselves a college, were in reality only an academy, and barely escaped being a kindergarten."

President Kenneth Wright was president of the college from 1943-1955. He guided the school through 12 years of adaption, development, and progress, for it was during his administration that the college grew to senior status and was fully accredited. The application for accreditation, however, was preceded by seven years of planning and building. President Wright along with Dr. Robinson, the secretary-treasurer of the Southern Association, outlined a plan of procedure which involved a new library, science building, and the general raising of academic standards and faculty qualifications. During the years of preparation several faculty members earned doctoral degrees and the library, science, and music

buildings were erected. As a result of President Wright's vision, the team work of the faculty, and the financial support of the Board of Trustees and Southern Union Conference, official application for accreditation was made in September of 1949. Southern Missionary College was accredited in 1950 upon its first application.

President Wright's relationship with the students was a close personal one and one of importance to him. Upon his arrival at the college, he had immediately seen the need for a Student Association and method of bringing the many student organizations together. By the time the inspection committee for accreditation came on campus, the Student Association was a very active organization, and when the head of the committee, Dr. Goddard, interviewed the Association's officers, he was extremely impressed with the personal support that Wright had with them and his support for the students. Because of impaired health, President Wright was released from his work at the college in 1955.

Under President Conrad N. Rees' direction, the college underwent its second rapid expansion program during 1958-1967. His first goal was to strengthen faculty through wise selection of new members, further education of many, and reduction of the work loads for others. Secondly, he had architects draw up an over-all plan for the improvement of the physical plant, resulting in the use of the lower campus as a living area and a physical education area. This included the dormitories Talge Hall and Thatcher Hall, the Physical Education Center, and the administration building, Wright Hall. President Rees, Academic Dean Schneider, General Manager Fleming, and Dean of Students and Public Relations Director William Taylor were the men who initiated a program that resulted in the Committee of 100, a group of Southern Union constituents who have supported the college both financially and advisorily for the past 20 years.

Southern College is a product of a long line of men with determination and vision. Students and staff owe a debt of gratitude not only to all these administrators, but also to those who worked so faithfully with them.

Those Who Walked These Halls

1920's

Irene (Tolhurst) Kreigsmann, '23, lives in Miami, Florida, and recently retired from Fair Havens Nursing Home after working there for 16 years. She also worked in the Therapy Department at Hialeah Hospital and Osteopathic General.

1940's

James and Ratie Mae (Haughey) Hiser, '42, live in Troy, Ohio. Jim retired two years ago after traveling for over 20 years as a field representative for B. F. Goodrich.

1950's

Phaize J. Salhany, '50, Trans-Africa Division Youth/Communications Director; **Harold Johnson**, '53, South-East Africa Ministerial Secretary; and **Don Crane**, '60, Associate Secretary for the General Conference Ministerial and Stewardship Departments, recently attended a religious leaders' workshop in Malawi. Representing three levels of administration, they participated in the five days of instruction, covering areas of co-ordinated departmental ministry for a progressive thrust during the 1000 Days of Reaping.

Eileen (Rauch) Beatty, '53, and her husband **Robert** live in the Miami, Florida, area where Eileen is currently the nursing director at a state institution for the developmentally disabled.

C. E. Murphy, '54, and his wife now reside in Orlando, Florida. They worked 17 years in denominational service at Columbia Union College in Washington, D.C., with

Mr. Murphy taking 2½ years out to serve in the military on Okinawa. In 1958, for health reasons, their family moved to Orlando, and during the next 15 years, after first passing a construction examination, Mr. Murphy built and sold a total of 268 residential homes and apartments.

1960's

Jim Culpepper, '62, and his wife **Judy** live in Moberly, Missouri. Jim is an administrator at Moberly Regional Medical Center while Judy is a nurse. Jim, who became a Fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators in 1982 in Atlanta, is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Hospital Association and the American Osteopathic Hospital Association. The Culpeppers have two children, Greg and Lori.

Lindley B. Richert, '63, and his wife **Charlene** live in Andover, New Jersey, with their three sons. Lindley is Chief Market Analyst and Vice-President of McCarthy, Crisonti & Maffie, a private bond research and economic forecasting firm, in New York City.

Barbara (Hoar) Arena, '64, lives in Hewlett, New York, with her husband **Joe** and two sons. She works as a programmer/analyst at the New York corporate headquarters of International Paper Company.

Janice L. Suggs, '65, resides in Los Angeles, California, and has been appointed manager of the Employee Benefits Department in the Los Angeles office of Reed Stenhouse, Inc. of California, an international insurance brokerage firm.

VOTE

Dr. Robert Lorren and Mr. Ellsworth McKee have been nominated for the position of President-elect for the Southern College Alumni organization.

Please indicate your choice of either Robert Lorren or Ellsworth McKee as president-elect of our alumni organization on the tear-out postcard across from this message and return it by October 1, 1983.

Janice is responsible for new business production, program development, and marketing of employee benefits services in the office. An active member of the Los Angeles Chapters of the Employee Benefit Planning Association and Women in Management, Janice is originally from Dalton, Georgia.

Gerry Cabalo, '66, lives in California and has a private medical practice in Lake Elsinore, California.

Vann D. Cockrell, '66, and his wife **Lynda** live in Theodore, Alabama. Vann has a dental practice, and Lynda works in the office with him and directs the church and school choirs.

Betty (Belew) Grogg, '66, is still associated with the Columbus Recreation & Parks Department in the Senior Citizens' Program. Betty has been teaching basketry, needlepoint, dressmaking, etc. She has also been the food supervisor and tour director for many senior citizen trips that are made. Betty and her husband **David** adopted a baby boy last January.

Minon Hamm, '66, will be coordinating the college-wide writing program at Union College next year. Having survived two Nebraska winters, she enjoys being a part of the Union team but misses her

friends at Southern College.

JoAnne (Wassell) Lavever, '66, and her husband **Beecher**, '72, spent the last nine years Chuharkhana Mandi, Pakistan. JoAnne taught college and high school English classes at Pakistar Adventist Seminary and College while her husband was the administrator of a rural health education center and teacher of science classes at the college. The couple recently returned to the United States and now reside in Alamo, Texas, where Beecher attends a local college in preparation for further graduate studies.

Donnie Vance Ollis, '66, is currently Director of Acute Care Review in the Alabama Peer Review Organization, an organization of physicians that review their peers. Donnie did peer review in Detroit, Michigan, for two years before moving to Alabama six years ago.

Ken and Sandy Brown, '67, live in Mobile, Alabama, where Ken is the pastor of the Beaufort Road Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sandy is head nurse in the orthopedics department at Providence Hospital. They have one son and one daughter.

Curtis K. Carlson, '68, lives in Sioux Falls, South

There's no place like home.



There is no place like home, and on October 7-9, 1983, many of your classmates will be back on campus looking for you. We have a special weekend planned with something exciting for everyone.

Take a good look at the list of events below and make plans to spend the weekend with us. It will be good to have you home!

**Honor Classes — 1933,
1943, 1958, 1973, 1978**

**Guest Quartet — The
Heralds Quartet (formerly
The King's Heralds)**

**Saturday Evening Pops
Concert**

- **Guest Speakers — Chaplain
John E. Keplinger, Elder Bob
Bretsches and Robert LeBard**

- **Alumni Potluck**

- **Golf Tournament, Tennis
Tournament and
Racquetball Tournament**

Dakota, where he is an assistant professor of media communications and head of the media department at Sioux Falls College. In 1981 he married Dianne S. Mancus, who is Director of Graduate Studies at the college. The Carlsons have three children.

Edwin M. Shafer, '68, is Director of Development, Public Relations, and Marketing at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska, and has been elected Vice-President of Region VIII for the National Association for Hospital Development. The NAHD has over 1,350 members from hospitals in all 50 states and offers hospitals and other health care institutions a professional forum for exchanging information about trends and activities in philanthropy. The first Seventh-day Adventist to hold such a position, Edwin will represent hospital development directors in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, North and South Dakota on the Association's 21-member national board and will also be responsible for various educational functions and programs within his region.

Janet (Devine) Edwards, '69, married a hometown boy and has three children, one which was adopted from Korea. Living in Greenville, Kentucky, she is a housewife and mother and states that she would "love to hear from former roommates and friends."

Charles W. Flach, '69, is currently the principal of Mobile Junior Academy in Mobile, Alabama. He also teaches seventh and eighth grades while his wife Barbara teaches third and fourth grades at the school.

William Bruce Lane, Jr., '69, has been the science teacher and vice-principal

at Greater Miami Academy since he graduated from Southern College. He is married to Shirley Caron, who attended Southern College from 1964-1967, and has two sons.

Don T. Shelton, '69, and his wife Anita live in Loveland, Colorado, with their two children. After three years of evangelism in the Colorado and Rocky Mountain Conferences, Don is now a union evangelist for the Mid-America Union.

1970's

Laura (Hedden) Finney, '70, is the executive secretary to a vice-president at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Harry C. Nelson, '70, is in the mission service at the Bella Vista Hospital in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. He married a medical school classmate, Lynda (Kostenko), and after graduating from Loma Linda University, they took their residencies at the University of Miami. Harry specializes in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Lynda is an anesthesiologist, practicing one day a week.

Judith (Dean), '71, and **Robert DuBose Jr., '75**, live with their two children in Madison, Tennessee. Robert is the history teacher and media specialist at Madison Academy. He is also a doctoral student pursuing an Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction at Tennessee State University. Judith teaches keyboard instruments in the music department at the academy and directs the choir at the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Allen McFarland, '71, attends medical school at the American University of



DR. JOHN CHRISTENSEN, professor of chemistry at Southern College for 17 years, passed away on Wednesday, April 27, 1983. The 74-year-old chemist, who previously served as chairman of the college's Natural Science Division, came to Southern College in 1966 and taught full-time until his retirement in the mid-70's when he continued to teach part-time.

Born in Mahtowa, Minnesota, on June 19, 1908, Dr. Christensen's first 12 years of education were acquired at Park Lake School and Maplewood Academy in Minnesota. After graduating from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, he earned the master's degree at the University of Nebraska and later obtained a doctorate in analytical and organic biochemistry at Michigan State University in 1956.

Dr. Christensen, who could translate and speak four languages, spent much of his spare time in rock collecting and carpentry. A recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Chattanooga Chapter of the American Chemical Society, he was considered a "very hard-working man" by Dr. Mitchell Thiel, a fellow chemistry professor. College registrar Mary Elam regarded Dr. Christensen as "just a wonderful person to work with ... a quiet, gentlemanly man." Dr. Melvin Campbell, a close friend, describes him as a dedicated chemist who was understanding with fellow workers and students. "He was a devoted Christian. He didn't wear his religion on his shirt sleeve, but his testimony was in how he treated people."

To honor this dedicated Christian man, a scholarship fund for chemistry majors has been set up at Southern College in his name.

the Caribbean on the island of Montserrat, West Indies. **Ginger (Davis), '70**, takes care of their two daughters and works as an administrative secretary at

Hialeah Hospital in Hialeah, Florida.

Martha (Kendall) Seeley '71, lives in Manchester, Kentucky, where she is a physician at the

Manchester Hospital.

John Loor, '72, and his wife **Susan**, '71, live in the Denver, Colorado, area where John is pastor of the Littleton Seventh-day Adventist Church. Susan is secretary for the Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Twins, Lynn and Dane, were born to **Dennis Taylor**, '72, and his wife **Jan (Murphy)** on February 5, 1983. The Taylors also have an older daughter, **Ell**.

David A. Durham, '75, resides in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he is doing architectural design and drafting for Denomination Building Services.

Sallieann (Brown) Brewer, '76, and her husband **William** have one daughter, **Cheris Tiffany**, and are expecting a second child in July.

Randy Dorn, '76, and **Teresa (Gabbert)**, '79, live in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where Randy is principal of Plantation SDA Christian School and teaches seventh and eighth grades. Teresa teaches grades one through three.

Verbelee Joy Nielsen, '76, is currently living in Altamonte Springs, Florida. She is the administrative assistant to Mardian Blair, resident of Florida Hospital.

Joyce (Vaughn) Thornton, '76, and her husband **Floyd** have just moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma, and enjoy country life with their two children. Floyd is a self-employed private duty nurse and is presently working for an elderly disabled couple.

Carole Derry, '77, is a secretary in a large printing company in Los Angeles, California.

Bruce G. Harlow, '77, and his wife **Karyn (Busby)** live in Hinsdale, Illinois, where Bruce is

administrative assistant to the director of medical education. He also does some private practice in addition to his hospital responsibilities, and **Karyn** is a floor nurse at the sanitarium.

Judith (Coleman) McNeil, '77, lives in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where she works at Sparks Regional Medical Center as a physician's coordinator in the incomplete charts section of the medical records department. She plans to take her accreditation examination to become an Accredited Records Technician. Her husband **Timothy** teaches welding at Westark Community College in Fort Smith.

Gary Wilt, '78, is engaged to be married on August 28, 1983, to **Gardina Mendoza**. In the fall both plan to begin nurses' training near Mexico City, Mexico.

Marilyn Aldred, '79, and her husband **Kevin** live in Collegedale with their two boys. Kevin is an employee of McKee Baking Company, and Marilyn is working on her master's degree in nurse midwifery at Meharry Medical College in Nashville.

Melanee (Snowden) Davis, '79, resides in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where her husband **Terry** attends Southern College of Optometry and plans to graduate in June. Melanee is employed as an administrative secretary at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Tim Nichols, '79, and **Shiree (Albers)**, '78, live in Holdrege, Nebraska, where Tim is the pastor of a three-church district and Shiree practices nursing in the town's hospital. Both Tim and Shiree graduated from Andrews University in August, 1982. Tim earned a Master's of Divinity and Shiree a B.S. in nursing.

Don Pabon, '79, and **Milca (Bermudez)**, '78, just had a baby girl, **Amara**. Dan is the youth pastor for the La Sierra Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Milca is director of nurses at a convalescent home in Riverside, California.

1980's

Gail Christianson, '80, is engaged to be married on August 7, 1983, to Rich

Toebe, a classmate from Auburn Adventist Academy. She is currently employed as a tax accountant at Sweeney, Conrad, CPA's in Bellevue, Washington.

Alejandro Rodriquez, '80, resides in Miami, Florida, where he works for the state as a veteran representative.

Ceci Thompson, '80, works as a groom/management trainee on Karho Farm, a new large Arabian farm in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Tim Shields, '81, and **Karen (Juhl)**, '81, live in Atlanta, Georgia, where Tim is a programmer for Computer Software, Inc., and Karen is a secretary for Solem Industries, Inc.

Robert M. Smith, '82, and **Susan Brown**, '81, are engaged to be married on August 7, 1983. Robert is employed in the accounting department at Hialeah Hospital, and Susan works as an art director for a local group newspaper in Miami.

Tedd Webster, '82, and his wife **Teri** live in Lauderhill, Florida, where Tedd teaches physical education and world history at Greater Miami Academy.

CHERYL ANN COX, age 27, died of cancer on March 7, 1983, in a Madison, Wisconsin, hospital. Born October 17, 1954, in Madison, Wisconsin, Cheryl graduated from Wisconsin Academy in 1973 and then attended Southern College, graduating with an associate degree in nursing in 1975.

Cheryl worked at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital for four years before moving to the Portland Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, where she worked for the past four years. Cheryl was an active member of the Milwaukie, Oregon, church as a teacher in the Primary Department.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Cox of Stoughton, Wisconsin, five sisters, and two brothers.





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